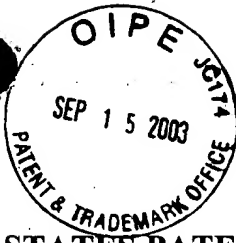


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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following information to the Examiner's attention:

A copy of a Supplementary Partial European Search Report mailed on July 14, 2003 with respect to related European Application No. EP 99 91 4300 is enclosed, in which the following documents are cited:

European Patent Application No. EP 0 974 202 & International Publication No. WO 99/35756, which was published on July 15, 1999;

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U.S. Patent No. 5,644,573 to BINGHAM et al., which issued on July 1, 1997. Applicant notes that this document was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on April 7, 2000, and thus, a copy of the same is not attached hereto.

The relevance and pertinent portions of these documents are as noted on the attached copy of the Supplementary Partial European Search Report.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite these patent documents. The above-cited documents are listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

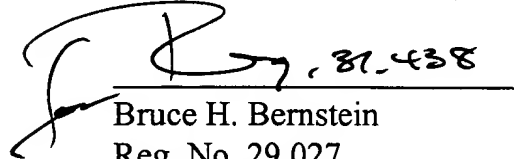
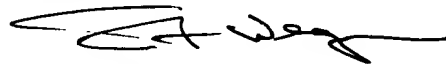
Since this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the issuance of an Office Action on the merits, Applicant has provided below a Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), and thus, believes no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e), the undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. Of course, this statement does not apply to information that has previously been cited by Applicant or the

Examiner in the present application as that information is already of record and no certification is necessary.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

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